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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, MILI, VS

SUBJ: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR 3

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION PRIORITY SAIGON FROM BIEN HOA 9 DEC
BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

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BIEN HOA 624

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SUBJECT: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR3

1. THE SHARP UPSURGE OF NVA/VC MILITARY ACTIVITY IS REFLECTED IN
MR3 HQ'S REPORT OF 93 INCIDENTS IN MR3 DECEMBER 8, ONE OF THE
HIGHEST DAILY TOTALS SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE. HEAVIEST ACTIVITY WAS
IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, WHERE 42 INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.

2. THE MAJOR ACTION OF THE DAY OCCURRED AT SUOI DA OUTPOST
(XT 334578) IN TAY NINH. COMMUNIST FORCES SHELLED 880 ASSORTED
ROUNDS INTO THE OUTPOST IN SUPPORT OF 32 SEPARATE GROUND ATTACKS
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WHICH PERSISTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY SUNDAY. TERRITORIAL FORCES

HAVE PERFORMED EXTREMELY WELL, GIVING NO GROUND AT SUOI DA, TAKING MINIMAL CASUALTIES WHILE COUNTING AT LEAST 100 COMMUNISTS KIA IN THE ACTION THERE UP TO 0800 DEC 9. GVN FORCES ON NEARBY NUI BA DEN MOUNTAIN (XT 286584) RECEIVED 397 ROUNDS FROM 0800 HOURS DEC 7 TO 0800 HOURS SUNDAY, DEC 8. GROUND CONTACTS CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE AREA WITH NVA/VC STILL INSIDE PHUOC HOI (SURROUNDED BY GVN FORCES) ABOUT SEVEN KMS NE OF TAY NINH CITY ON ROUTE 13.

3. TAY NINH EAST AIRPORT (XT 202508) WAS ROCKETED TWICE, WITH A TOTAL OF FOUR ROCKETS. ONE HELICOPTER WAS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

4. ELSEWHERE NVA/VC BLEW UP A CULVERT AT YS 292624 ON ROUTE 15 (ROAD TO VUNG TAU) AT 0330 HOURS DECEMBER 9, DAMAGING IT FIFTY PERCENT. TRAFFIC WAS RESTORED AT 0630 HOURS.

5. NVA/VC SET UP TWO ROADBLOCKS ON QL 10 (YT 757557 AND YT 687472) IN LONG KHANH PROVINCE DURING THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 7. TRAFFIC WAS RESTORED DECEMBER 8 AT 1000 HOURS.

6. AT 0700 HOURS DECEMBER 8, AN NVA/VC UNIT ESTIMATED AT COMPANY SIZE ENTERED PHUOC HAI AND PHUOC LONG HAMLETS (YS 130870 AND YS 145858) IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE, ESTABLISHING BLOCKING POSITIONS THERE. AS OF 0800 DECEMBER 9, GVN HAD NOT RETAKEN THE HAMLETS.

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